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SUBJ: US-VENEZUELAN MIXED NARCOTICS
COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEETING

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF US-VENEZUELAN MIXED COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL TOOK PLACE JUNE 9 AT THE EMBASSY. THE GOV WAS REPRESENTED AT THIS FIRST ORIGINIZATIONAL SESSION BY DR. MARCEL GRANIER DOYEUX, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-AGENCY GOV COMMISSION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (CCUID) AND MARCOS GONZALEZ, ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF THE CCUID. THE USG SIDE WAS DCM JOHN J. CROWLEY, JR. (MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATOR), DEA SAIC FRANCIS L. BRIGGS, AND MYLES FRECHETTE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR. DR. GRANIER WAS INVITED BY THE USG SIDE TO PRESIDE OVER THIS AND FUTURE MEETINGS TO WHICH HE AGREED. THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO MEET MONTHLY AND TO EXPAND ITS PRESENT MEMBERSHIP ACCORDING TO THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION.

2. THE VENEZUELAN SIDE THEN BRIEFLY DESCRIBED THE CCUID'S HISTORY DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS, AND THE PRESENT STATUS OF ITS ACTIVITIES. A LARGE NUMBER OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER MATEIRAL WAS FURNISHED TO THE USG SIDE TO HELP FAMILIARIZE IT WITH THE CCUID AND ITS WORK.

3. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS WERE THEN DISCUSSED AS POSSIBLE AREAS
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OF COOPERATION FOR THE NEW MIXED COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO FURTHER.
A. EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS.
B. IN THE AREAS OF PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, VISITS BY AND EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS IN THERAPY AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.
C. LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION INCLUDING EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.
D. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (RECORD KEEPING, ENFORCEMENT, ETC.).

CURRENT GOV SYSTEM IS ANTIQUATED AND CANNOT KEEP UP WITH PRESENT VOLUME.

E. IN THE AREAS OF BIOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND SOCIAL RESEARCH EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS AND OR RESEARCH RESULTS.

F. BROADENING THE FRAMEWORK FOR INTERAMERICAN COOPERATION (GOV ALREADY HAS AGREEMENTS WITH MEXICO, BOLIVIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PUERTO RICO).

4. MEETING ENDED WITH USG SIDE EXPRESSING THANKS FOR INFORMATIVE BRIEFING BY VENEZUELANS AS WELL AS FOR MATERIALS PRESENTED AND TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. USG REPS PROMISED TO ABSORB MATERIAL AS WELL AS TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR US-VENEZUELAN COOPERATION IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FIELDS MENTIONED BY THE VENEZUELANS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AT JULY MEETING WE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO INFORM THE VENEZUELANS THAT WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST ITEM, WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO PLACE THE CCUID ON THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR ALL REGULARLY ISSUED PUBLICATIONS, AS WELL AS FOR ONE-TIME RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS, AND ANY OTHER USG MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD. THESE PUBLICATIONS WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE IN CCUID'S LIBRARY AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTERS. THEY SHOULD BE POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO THE CCUID. PLEASE CONFIRM TO EMBASSY WHEN STEPS ARE TAKEN TO FILL THIS REQUEST.
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6. WE WILL LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THE OTHER TOPICS PROPOSED FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION AND REPORT OUR REACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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